

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated February 9, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Applicants note that in the response filed November 23, 2005, the Title and claim 6 were amended to overcome the rejections; however in the present Office Action, no acknowledgment was made of those amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the previous amendments to the Title and claim 6 and contact Applicants' representative below if further amendments are necessary.

Claims 1 and 11 are amended.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10-16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,739,880 to Suzuki et al. (hereinafter "Suzuki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,818,550 to Kadota et al. (hereinafter "Kadota"). Claims 1-5, 10-16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,429,917 to Okamoto et al. (hereinafter "Okamoto") in view of Kadota. Claims 6-9 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki or Okamoto in view of Kadota and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,481,388 to Aoya (hereinafter "Aoya").

The rejection of claims 1-21 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-21 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, wherein the over-coat layer is "on the first substrate to absorb an external force, thereby preventing compression or depression of the black matrix" (claims 1 and 11 as amended). None of the cited references including Suzuki, Kadota,

Okamoto, and Aoya, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

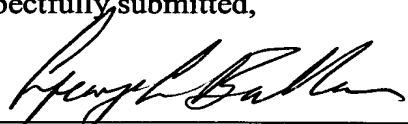
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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